

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph starting at page 3, lines 8-24 has been amended as follows.

However, this structure has problems. It is known that if an ink-jet method is used as the printing method, generally the discharge characteristic is more ~~stable~~ stable when ink is discharged right below in comparison with discharging in other directions. In this case, a print sheet is conveyed in a horizontal direction in a printing portion, since the print sheet is arranged in a direction orthogonal to the ink discharge direction. The image quality is improved if a document is read in a position as close to the conveyance roller as possible. Also, the image quality is improved if a print sheet is subjected to printing in a position as close to the conveyance roller as possible. In other words, to improve the image quality, it is preferable that a reading unit is positioned around the printing portion, and the reading unit is arranged in the horizontal direction.

The paragraph at page 8, lines 14-23 has been amended as follows.

In Fig. 1, in the rear of the apparatus (right side of Fig. 1), a print-sheet feeding unit (ASF) 39 and a document feeding unit (ADF) 11 ~~40~~ are provided. The print-sheet feeding

unit 39 holds a stack of print sheets 2, and separates the print sheets one by one from the stack of the print sheets 2 and feeds them to a printing unit 38, in accordance with necessity. The document feeding unit (ADF) ~~40~~ 11 holds documents 12, and separates the documents one by one and feeds them to the reading unit 28.